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Prior to joining Willcox & Savage, Wiley was the Senior General Counsel at Norfolk Southern Corporation and was responsible for all of its casualty, FELA and insurance litigation. He served in the Legal Department at Norfolk Southern and its predecessor, Southern Railway for 39 years, overseeing the Claims Department, the Litigation Section of the Law Department, and several hundred outside counsel in more than 23 states. His responsibilities included FELA, trauma, toxic torts, occupational diseases, insurance and construction litigation. During his employment with Norfolk Southern, Wiley was the final authority on decisions concerning evaluation, settlement, trial and appeal of all such cases.

A native of North Carolina, Wiley holds a B.A. degree from Wake Forest University and a J.D. degree from the Wake Forest University School of Law. He is admitted to practice in Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia and has been elected a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation and of the American Bar Foundation. He currently serves as Chairman of the Boyd Graves Conference of the Virginia Bar Association and as Chairman of the Virginia Beach Judicial Review Panel, which interviews all candidates for judicial office in Virginia.

Wiley's breadth of transportation law experience includes experience in all phases of railroad litigation. His position at Norfolk Southern required intimate familiarity with the legal systems of more than two dozen states and gave him the opportunity to develop relationships with attorneys throughout the United States. Wiley has served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel for more than three decades and is a past president of that organization. He has, for many years, been Chairman of the NARTC Amicus Committee, which screens requests for amicus briefs on behalf of the Association of American Railroads, and has been involved on the cutting edge of the most recent changes in railroad law. Wiley was for many years one of only 10 members of the Association of American Railroads Tort Policy Committee.

Since his retirement from Norfolk Southern, Wiley has been active in promoting a number of rail projects, including a rail alternative to Interstate 81 and several proposals involving passenger and commuter rail. He has long been an outspoken advocate for public investment in rail infrastructure as an integral part of a sound transportation network.

In addition to his legal career, Wiley has been a leader in state and municipal government. He was a member of the Virginia State Senate from 1976 until 1988, and was Minority Floor Leader for much of that time. He served on the Alexandria City Council for nine years and as Vice-Mayor of Alexandria for six years. During his tenure on the Alexandria Council, he was active in the negotiations which led to the creation of the Washington area Metro system, and later represented Alexandria on the Northern Virginia Transportation

Commission. Wiley negotiated and assisted in drafting the contracts which established the Virginia Railway Express commuter service in Northern Virginia.

Wiley is an active member of the Hampton Roads community, holding leadership positions as Board member of The Nature Conservancy of Virginia, the Virginia Beach Foundation, and the Sorensen Institute of the University of Virginia, Trustee of the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, a member of the Regional Board of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Virginia Senate Ethics Advisory Panel. Wiley also serves as a Board member of Virginians for High Speed Rail and as a trustee of the Virginia Rail Policy Institute. He is a former Board member of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and was for many years Chairman of the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee.

Wiley Mitchell is married to Marshalé Moody. They have two daughters and seven grandchildren.